

## Roe Applauds Unanimous Affirmative Final Injury Vote of U.S. International Trade Commission On Welded Stainless Pipe Imports from China

WASHINGTON,  
DC - Yesterday,  
four U.S. producers, Bristol Metals L.L.C., (Bristol, Tennessee), Felker Brothers Corporation, (Marshfield, Wisconsin and Glasgow, Kentucky), Outokumpu Stainless Pipe Inc., (Wildwood, Florida), Marcegaglia USA, Inc. (Munhall, Pennsylvania), and the United Steelworkers (USW) applauded the results of today's unanimous affirmative final injury vote by the U.S. International Trade Commission with regard to the antidumping and countervailing duty case on imports of welded austenitic stainless steel pressure pipe from China.

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January 12, 2009 Congressman Phil Roe (TN-1), along with three other lawmakers, sent a letter to the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission - Shara Aranoff - urging the Commission to make an affirmative determination that imports of unfairly traded stainless austenitic pressure pipe from China are injuring the U.S. industry and its workers.

"As  
we are facing many great economic challenges in our country, I think it is vital we prevent illegal and unfair trade practices," said Roe. "That is why we encouraged an affirmative determination that the Chinese government is practicing unfair trade by subsidizing a massive expansion of both their stainless flat rolled and pipe capacity, so we can stop them. This welcome decision enforces our trade laws will stop any further economic losses and gives Bristol workers the opportunity to compete on a more level playing field."

Mike  
Boling, President of Bristol Metals, L.L.C. said "Today's decision is welcome and affirms what we have said for some time and that is the Chinese government subsidized a massive expansion of both their stainless flat rolled and pipe capacity which resulted in unfair trade practices that injured our company and workers. This decision sends a strong signal that our government is committed to enforcing the trade laws to allow this industry the ability to continue to compete in the market here and abroad and most importantly ensures that our workers are able to stay on the job."

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products subject to the petition are primarily ASTM A-312 or A-778 specifications using grade 304 or 316 stainless sheet. They are used as a conduit for liquids or gases under high pressure in the chemical, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, food processing, energy, brewery, automotive and paper industries.

Tom

Henke, President of Felker Brothers said " As a family owned business which provides good paying jobs in our plants located in Central Wisconsin and Kentucky we are encouraged by this outcome and believe this provides all of us with a more secure future. Our company is prepared to compete to continue to manufacture our products for our valuable customers and we also thank the efforts of our supporters in Congress who worked with us to ensure we received relief from these unfair trade practices."

Imports

from China increased from 13,993 tons in 2005 to 31,766 tons in 2007 with a value of \$160 million. They are believed to have taken approximately 30 percent of the U.S. market. The imports declined to less than 7,000 tons in 2008 after the filing of the antidumping and countervailing duty petitions on January 30, 2008.

David

Cornelius, President of Marcegaglia USA said "Today's vote clearly confirms what we argued were blatantly unfair trade practices by the Chinese to dump and subsidize stainless pipe products which injured our industry. In these challenging economic times, this decision reaffirms our support for the trade laws and also sends a strong message throughout the global trade arena that the U.S. will enforce its trade laws."

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DOC made final subsidy and dumping determinations in January, 2007 with margins ranging to 55 % for dumping and 298 % for subsidies.

Paul

Carpenter, Executive Vice President of Outokumpu Stainless Pipe stated "Today's vote allows the imposition of these antidumping and countervailing duties to be put into place. This will result in leveling the playing field and will force Chinese producers to engage in fair trade. It will also give us the ability to recover and compete in the global market."

Leo

W. Gerard, USW President, said: "Today's determination by the Commission against illegal stainless steel pipe imports from China is desperately needed to preserve American family supportive jobs. The USW and the companies who employ our members will continue to vigorously battle these Chinese unfair trade practices." Gerard added: "We urge Congress and the White House to take further action against Chinese unfair trade practices, like currency manipulation."

Roger B. Schagrin, a Washington, DC trade attorney and principal of Schagrin Associates was counsel to the petitioners. He said "This is my fourth case on pipe and tube imports from China in the past year. In 2008, 3.1 million tons of steel pipe and

tube entered from China, almost two-thirds of total steel imports from China. We have now obtained orders against imports of circular welded steel pipe, welded small diameter line pipe, light-walled rectangular tubing from China and now stainless steel pipe. The DOC and ITC are doing their jobs in enforcing the trade laws and American industry and workers. The Chinese clearly shift from products covered by orders to uncovered products. While I join Mr. Gerard in urging the Administration and Congress to address structural unfair trade practices by China, I stand ready to work with U.S. producers and their unions to attack individual unfairly traded imports surging from China.